

ECISD Bond Committee Meeting #4

March 30, 2023 – Takeaways and Q & A

Facility Condition Index (FCI) Explanation

The Facility Condition Index (FCI) of a building (or campus) is calculated by dividing the anticipated total maintenance repair/replacement costs by the estimated replacement value of the facility.

- An industry-standard measure used to compare the relative condition of a group of facilities intended for use as a tool and not the sole determining factor in the decision-making process
- The lower the FCI, the better the condition of the building (less funding will be required relative to the value of the facility)
- FCI of **60%** or above is considered high (facilities with a higher FCI should be further evaluated; these facilities may be candidates for replacement)

Committee Takeaways (Previous Meetings)

- Concerns regarding 21st Century learning environments and “open concept” layouts. Many glass walls and open concept may not be functional spaces. Keep in mind for redesign/new construction.
- Instead of focusing on “Worst is First” possibly focus on “Future and Overcrowding.”
- Many portables in the district are not secure with fences
- Middle schools are extremely overcrowded
- Need to focus on the future. Many new housing developments are being built.
- We must think about the middle schools that are overcrowded and what can be done to alleviate this.
- The district should communicate how money is being spent concerning normal operating expenses. Possibly use Facebook to get this out to the public.
- This meeting was “very informative.”
- ECISD needs to include, alongside the CTE successes, all the other successes of Fine Arts, Athletics, etc. that prepare them for higher education and propel them to be successful in the future. This will reinforce the need for high-quality facilities at a new high school.
- Clarity is needed on what the future holds for schools when a program is removed from it, i.e. the empty areas of NTO if a CTE facility is built.
- Transparency is a must on what this committee decides to do. People remember what didn’t happen in the past.

Committee Takeaways (Meeting 4)

- Committee would like to have the opportunity to ask more in-depth financial questions and Mrs. Ottmers, district CFO, will be available at future meetings.
- More middle school campuses are needed due to overcrowding.
- The structural integrity of Ratliff should be a priority.

- If/when the bond is passed, ECISD should track and share all spending of all projects with the committee and the public.
- Metal detectors would be another added layer of security.
- Committee would like to see a more well-rounded bond to include: plumbing, fine arts, transportation, CTE, etc.
- Committee would like for videos of class changes at middle and high schools to be put up on the committee website for the public to see.

Q & A

- How much does it cost to charter a bus?
This depends on the activity and where students are going. Many times, transportation cannot fulfill the trip requirements of the students because of activities or supplies. \$2,500 if in stock and \$4,500 if they have to outsource.
- Could there be Proposition A for athletics and Proposition B for other items?
New bond laws require that certain projects (athletics and fine arts buildings, as examples) may require separate propositions, apart from building new schools. We will get into that conversation at a later committee meeting.
- Will there be someone available from the oil and gas industry who might be able to share economy forecasting?
Mr. Ray Perryman will be coming to give us an economic forecast.
- During the campus/district tours, are we able to take videos or pictures, and share them online, so the general public can see the condition of our facilities?
Yes, but not pictures or videos of children.
- Will be able to include potential boundary lines when the new land is purchased as part of a marketing campaign? Can lines be re-drawn to alleviate overcrowding?
The ECISD Board of Trustees is charged with drawing boundary lines, and this would happen about a year before a new school is scheduled to open. While typically not done before construction begins, we can talk about timelines when boundaries could be established. We cannot be specific about new facility locations in order to prevent driving up property prices.
- What is the plan to communicate with the voters so they know what is being done as part of a campaign to prevent naysayers?
ECISD will share information about the bond committee's discussions through its website, social media and local news. We will also use personal, face-to-face, meetings whenever the opportunity arises. If a bond election is called by Trustees, the district will create an information campaign using a variety of communication tools.
- Is the PHS indoor practice facility owned by ECISD or PHS boosters?
This facility was paid for by boosters and is now owned and maintained by ECISD.
- Is there an opportunity for district land to be repurposed for new schools?

There is land currently owned by ECISD that will accommodate new schools.